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SACRAMENTO UPDATE

This memorandum contains a status report on a County-sponsored measure related to enhancement of the County's homeowner notification program and an update on three County-advocacy bills related to: 1) the issuance of a notice of funding availability for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program; 2) the elimination of the Traffic Violator School Monitoring Program conducted on behalf of the Los Angeles Superior Court; and 3) the use of Emergency Housing and Assistance Program funds for supportive housing services.

Status of County-Sponsored Legislation

County-sponsored SB 878 (Liu), which would enhance the County's existing homeowner notification program to authorize the County to: 1) notify homeowners and renters subject to notices of default or sale; 2) collect a fee for notification upon the recording of a notice of default or sale; and 3) use a portion of the recording fee to provide information, counseling, or assistance to a person who receives the notice, was vetoed by the Governor on July 15, 2010.

The Governor's veto message indicated that the bill is unnecessary as existing law requires notices of sale and default to be mailed to the property owner and pending foreclosure action notices to also be posted on the subject property.

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Status of County-Advocacy Legislation

County-supported AB 2064 (J. Pérez and Bass), which would require the California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) to release a notice of funding availability for the Emergency Housing and Assistance Program to potential applicants and designated local boards, was amended on July 1, 2010, to require CDHCD to grant awards within 180 days of the notice. This measure is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 2, 2010.

County-opposed unless amended AB 2499 (Portantino), which would eliminate the Traffic Violator School Monitoring Program by precluding the Los Angeles Superior Court from contracting with a court assistance program for monitoring services, was amended on July 15, 2010. The Community Development Commission is currently reviewing the recent amendments. This measure is scheduled for a hearing in the Senate Appropriations Committee on August 2, 2010.

County-supported AB 2536 (Carter), which as amended on June 1, 2010, would allow Emergency Housing and Assistance Program funds approved in the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Acts of 2002 and 2006 to also be available for supportive housing services, passed the Senate Appropriations Committee by a vote of 8 to 0 on July 15, 2010, and now proceeds to the Senate Floor.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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